

RECENT CHANGES IN NAVAL MANAGEMENT.

Reforms in Commissary Department of Our Battleships Are Better for the Sailor.

HOW SUPPLIES ARE PURCHASED

Placing of Army and Navy Officers on a Uniform Rate of Salary Has Perfected New System.

PUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The reforms and changes in the commissary administration of the battleships of the navy, which for the past year have been going on in an unobtrusive manner without attracting much comment or newspaper note, have, it is believed by the navy officials, proven a marked success. The method of paying the messmen, apportioning rations and providing "mess" has, during the past few months, been considerably changed and modified on a few of the battleships, and it is believed by the navy officials, proven a marked success. The method of paying the messmen, apportioning rations and providing "mess" has, during the past few months, been considerably changed and modified on a few of the battleships, and it is believed by the navy officials, proven a marked success. The method of paying the messmen, apportioning rations and providing "mess" has, during the past few months, been considerably changed and modified on a few of the battleships, and it is believed by the navy officials, proven a marked success.

Under this plan the entire crew of the ship is classified in two groups. For every dollar the Government allows 20 cents a day for rations. The entire sum is paid to the paymaster of the ship who distributes it to the messmen. The messmen are responsible for the purchase of the provisions and apportion them. The messmen are also responsible for the purchase of the provisions and apportion them. The messmen are also responsible for the purchase of the provisions and apportion them.

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ONLY EIGHT MORE BUYING DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

But You Can Make the Colossal Task Very Easy by Coming Direct to



Make out the list of the to-be-remembered—and you can add a good many more than usual if you do your shopping at Barr's—leave the gift suggestion until you get here, when the very articles most appropriate will fall under your notice in the easiest, most natural way, and at prices so surprisingly small that you won't have to cross one friend off your list. Prompt service and unrivaled stocks, all under one roof, will make Christmas shopping delightful.

Ladies' Pretty Neckwear

At Special Prices. (Lace Dept.)

Our display is the largest and most varied assortment in the West. Ruffs—Light and fluffy for street and evening wear—special prices are \$1.00, \$1.35, \$1.75, \$2.50, \$3.75, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$6.75 and \$12.00 each. Scarfs—A magnificent assortment, correct effects and latest novelties in Crepe and Liberty Silk in black, white and colored, with Persian effects—special prices are \$1.00, \$1.75, \$2.25, \$3.25 and \$5.25 each. Automobile Ties—In great favor—special prices are \$1.00, \$1.35, \$1.75 and \$2.25 each. Lace and Chiffon Stock Collars, combined with embroidered velvet, with long ends of same material—special prices are \$1.00, \$1.35, \$1.75 and \$2.50 each. Plaited Chiffon and Lace Trimmed Stock Collars, with jabots—special prices are \$2.25, \$2.75, \$3.50, \$4.25 and \$5.75 each. Shirred Chiffon Stock Collars, with shirred ribbon and lace—special prices are \$1.50, \$2.25, \$3.75, \$4.75 and \$5.25 each. A special line of Chiffon and Liberty Silk Jabots, large assortment, \$1.00 and \$1.50 each.

A Black Dress

Pattern or skirt length may be just the gift that would give pleasure to that sister, wife or mother you're puzzled to know what to give. We suggest excellent value in these. Black Silk and Wool French Crepon—44 inches wide, regularly sold at \$3.50 per yard—for this week's selling we've marked them \$1.75 yard. Boxed Dress Patterns in black and white goods from \$1.00 to \$4.50.

Household Linens.

Many a housekeeper is hoping that among her Christmas gifts will be something to add to her linen closet. A handsome tablecloth, a dozen pretty napkins, a set of towels, etc. Barr's quote prices today on articles especially priced and just right for gifts. 1,000 yards 2-yard-wide Double Damask, 9 new patterns, \$1.00 a yard. 500 yards 67-inch-wide Damask, 7 new patterns, 75c a yard. 500 yards 64-inch-wide Damask, 60c a yard. 1,000 dozen Barr Banner Napkins, spot pattern, price this week \$2.75 per dozen instead of \$3.00. 500 dozen Dice Napkins, \$1.25 per dozen. Special on Table No. 1, Middle Aisle—2,000 odd pieces Squares, Scarfs, Center Pieces, all at marked-down prices. Table No. 3, Middle Aisle—1,000 Scarfs, Squares and Round Center Pieces with Arabesque Lace; these are made to wear; prices \$1.25 to \$4.00 each. 1,000 fine old Towels, 50c, 75c, 85c, \$1.00 to \$1.75 each. Bathing Mats, all colors, 25c each; worth \$1.00. Hemstitched Dinner Sets \$3.00 to \$30.00 a set.

Book Racks,

Books, Calendars, Handsome Stationery, Bronze Paper Weights.

From the tiniest and daintiest of cards to the largest and most elegant bound, that book lovers prize, our bookstore is full.

A new Calendar, just received, is called the "American Girl." It is a series of seven crayons, showing the American girl in characteristic, graceful poses, at the opera, at golf, in the promenade, at home, etc., \$4.20.

Waist Patterns.

On our central table to-morrow we shall place 2,000 waist patterns in pretty woolen goods, some plaids, some stripes, all just what ladies like for popular wool waists. Each pattern is in a neat box, that will add to its attraction as a tasteful and practical gift. Prices will range, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50. Selection will be worth coming early for. The goods offered are unusual value for the prices quoted.

Art Goods.

Stamped and Stuffed Pillow Tops and Backs from 10c to 50c each. Ready-made Sofa Pillows in tapestries and silk and hand-embroidered from \$1.25 to \$15.00 each. Mull Toilet Sets in all the delicate shades of silk and satin lace from \$1.00 to \$5.00 per set. Pipe Racks in new and novel designs ranging in price from 35c to \$1.25 each. Fancy Glove and Handkerchief and Tie Boxes in all the new designs; price 50c each.

Subscription to "The Delineator"

Which is a welcome visitor in every home twelve times a year, would be a delightful Christmas gift. Subscriptions are now being received just in time to secure the January number, only \$1.00 per year.

An Ostrich Boa (Millinery Dept., 2nd Floor)

Is a "thing of beauty and a joy" to its fortunate possessor for many seasons. In fact, it is essential to the full satisfaction of a lady in her wardrobe "for any occasion." We have a very complete line of them in all the good colors and lengths, ranging in price from \$9.75 to \$37.50. The one-and-one-half yard and two-yard lengths are correct in style. P. S. Every Hat in our stock has had the price reduced to close up the season's business. Some splendid values.

Visit Our Cut Glass Department.

We are Showing the Largest Assortment of Rich American Cut Glass of Any House in the City.

See the wonderful bargains we have in fancy decorated China. Fancy China Cups and Saucers, from 10c to \$5.00. Fancy China Plates in assorted decorations, 10c to \$25.00. We have made big reductions in Dinner Sets at prices that are within reach of all. Note a few of the special bargains we are offering: High-Grade English Porcelain Dinner Set, dainty decoration of roses, with lavender border and gold edges, set consisting of 12 pieces; was \$12.50; reduced to \$6.98. Neatly Cut Glass Mustard Pot, silver-plated cover, Prism pattern; like cut, 50c. Dinner Set Austrian China, beautiful floral decoration, with gold traced handles, set consisting of 12 useful pieces, was \$12.50; reduced to \$9.98. Limoges China Dinner Set, neatly decorated in floral decorations, consisting of 12 useful pieces, was \$12.50; reduced to \$10.50. Beautiful Cut Glass Berry Bowl, Princeton pattern, 10-inch size; like cut, \$12.00. Richly Cut Glass Nappy, 8-inch size, Raleigh pattern; like cut, \$5.00. Elegantly Cut Glass Rose Bowl, Primrose design; like cut, \$8.95. Neatly Cut Glass Water Bottle, Meteor pattern; like cut, \$6.50. Richly Cut Glass Wine Decanter, mumm pattern; like cut, \$7.50. Neatly Cut Glass Handled Nappy, pattern; like cut, \$2.95. Richly Cut Glass Strup Jug, with silver-plated cover, Prism pattern; like cut, \$1.00.

A Fortunate Purchase of Furs

at 60c on the dollar puts us in a position to offer you the best practical value in Holiday gifts at exceedingly low prices. Sample values selected at random from this great stock, showing the remarkably low prices that prevail, are quoted:

Fur Jackets and Capes. \$10.75 for \$50.00 Near Seal Jacket (exactly like illustration)—high storm collar, large revers, new sleeves with turn-back cuff—a regular \$35.00 coat, for \$19.50. \$22.50 for \$75.00 Near Seal Jacket, with large collar and revers of South American Beaver—fine satin lining—\$75.00 Coats for only \$22.50. \$25.00 for Genuine \$40.00 Near-Seal Coat—best value ever offered—real fur coats for \$25.00. \$15.00 for \$50.00 Near Seal Jacket with large collar, revers and cuffs of genuine Marten—fine satin lining. \$50.00 for \$50.00 Near Seal Automobiles—42 inches long—fancy satin lining. \$47.50 for \$100.00 Genuine Persian Lamb Jacket—high storm collar and revers. \$65.00 for \$100.00 Near Seal Jacket, with genuine Chinchilla collar and revers. \$75.00 for \$100.00 Beaver Jacket—42 inches long—satin lined. \$65.00 for \$100.00 Near Seal Newmarkets—lux full length coats—satin lined, tight back, high storm collar, large revers. **Long Streamer Scarfs.** \$3.98 for Near Seal Streamer Scarfs. \$6.75 for American Sable Streamer Scarfs. \$7.50 for Genuine Marten Streamer Scarfs. \$15.00 for Genuine Mink Streamer Scarfs. \$18.75 for Sable Fox Streamer Scarfs. \$22.50 for Black Lynx Streamer Scarfs. \$15.00 for \$25.00 Brown Marten Boas. \$16.50 for \$25.00 Natural Lynx Boas. \$17.75 for \$25.00 Black Fox Boas. \$20.00 for \$30.00 Black Lynx Boas. \$20.00 for \$30.00 Genuine Marten Boas. \$50.00 for \$75.00 Hudson Bay Sable Boas. \$90.00 for \$140.00 Chinchilla Boas. **Novelty Fur Ruches.** Genuine Mink Ruches with six long streamers, worth \$45.00—for \$30.00. Same in Genuine Stone Marten, worth \$30.00—for \$20.00. **Long Double Boas.** \$7.50 for \$12.00 Sable Fox Boas. **Fur Scarfs.** \$1.98 for \$3.00 Near Seal Scarfs. \$2.50 for \$3.75 American Sable Scarfs. \$2.98 for \$5.00 English Marten Scarfs. \$3.50 for \$5.75 Russian Mink Scarfs. \$3.98 for \$5.00 Genuine Marten Scarfs. \$5.00 for \$7.50 Genuine Lynx Cluster Scarfs. \$5.00 for \$7.50 Genuine Mink Cluster Scarfs. **Large Cluster Scarfs.** \$10 for \$15 Genuine Marten Cluster Scarfs. \$20 for \$30 Genuine Mink Cluster Scarfs. \$20 for \$30 Genuine Blue Lynx Cluster Scarfs. \$20 for \$30 Genuine Marten Cluster Scarfs. **Muffs.** \$1.98 for \$3.00 Imitation Blue Fox Muffs. \$1.98 for \$3.00 Imitation Gray Krimmer Muffs. \$2.98 for \$5.00 English Marten Muffs. \$7.50 for \$12.00 Genuine Marten Muffs. \$12.50 for \$20.00 Genuine Mink Muffs. \$20.00 for \$30.00 Genuine Chinchilla Muffs. \$15.00 for \$25.00 Black Lynx Muffs. \$25.00 for \$35.00 Stone Marten Muffs. \$50.00 for \$70.00 Hudson Bay Sable Muffs. **Children's Fur Sets.** 75c for \$1.25 Imitation Ermine Sets. \$1.98 for \$2.75 Turkish Angora Sets. \$1.98 for \$2.75 Imitation Chinchilla Sets. \$1.98 for \$2.75 Imitation Tiger Sets. \$2.98 for \$4.50 Best Quality Turkish Angora Sets. **Misses' Fur Sets.** \$1.98 for \$3.00 Near Seal Sets. \$1.98 for \$2.75 River Mink Sets. \$1.98 for \$2.75 Australian Chinchilla Sets.

This Week We Shall Begin the Biggest Handkerchief Sale

Ever Held in St. Louis.

For months we have been preparing to not only sustain our own record as leaders in handkerchief-selling, but to exceed our own great previous sales. From now until Christmas we shall make a new record for ourselves. Extra salespeople, greatly increased counter space, cashiers and wrappers in the aisles will make it easy for our customers and enable us to avoid any tiresome waiting on their part when minutes count for so much. We quote a few specials for this week, as follows:

Ladies' Handkerchiefs. Ladies' lace-edge Handkerchiefs, worth 12½c, at 5c each. Ladies' Hemstitched, all linen, soft finish, at 10c each. Ladies' Embroidered Linen Handkerchiefs—big value, at 15c each. Ladies' hand embroidered, pure linen, wreath initial Handkerchiefs, worth 25c, at 15c each. Ladies' lace trimmed, also hemstitched and embroidered, pure linen—over 100 different styles—one whole counter devoted to these goods—at 25c each. Ladies' Linen Initial Handkerchiefs that beat all competition, at 25c, 33c and 50c each. Ladies' real lace, also French hand-embroidered Linen Handkerchiefs, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$4.00, \$5.00 and up to \$25.00 each. **Men's Handkerchiefs.** Men's Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, either white or with colored borders, at 5c each. Men's white hemstitched all-linen Handkerchiefs—best ever shown, at 10c, 12½c, 15c and 19c each. Men's Linen Initial Handkerchiefs—all good styles, at 15c, 25c, 35c and 75c each. Men's colored border Linen Handkerchiefs at 15c and 25c each. Handkerchiefs in Fancy Boxes for Christmas Presents, at all prices, for men, women and children. Silk Handkerchiefs and Muffs of all kinds; an immense variety cheaper than ever before. Come to Barr's Handkerchief Headquarters and you'll make no mistake.

Good, Practical Gift Suggestions from Cloths and Flannels.

White silk-embroidered Flannel Skirting, worth 85c; this week 50c each. Ladies' Skirt Waist Patterns, all wool, silk embroidered front, worth \$2.00, for \$1.50 each. Only a few of our 6675 rich embroidered Skirt Waist Patterns; the price will be this week \$5.50 each. Ladies' all-wool Flannel Skirt Patterns from 75c to \$2.00 each. Plaid-bark Cloaking for Smoking Jackets and Lounging Robes at a great reduction.



Pillows, Pillows Everywhere—Christmas

Pillows (third floor)—Never was such a variety shown as there is on our third floor—

Pillows at 95c Pillows at \$2.50
Pillows at \$1.35 Pillows at \$3.25
And at \$5.00, \$6.00 and up to \$12.00

THE devotee of the fragrant weed will surely thank you for making his "den"—the smoking-room—the more habitable in giving him Oriental fitments for it—Antique Armor, Old Swords, Old Guns, Teak and Pearl-Inlaid Tabourettes, Tables and Stools, Bagdad and Kis Kelim Couch Covers, Leather Cushions, Teak Chairs and Heavy Portieres and Turkish Pipes.

In Odd Pieces of Furniture we are showing a beautiful line of Ladies' Writing Desks, Music Cabinets, Burnt-Wood Furniture, Dressing Tables, Brass Screens, Morris Chairs, Fancy Rockers, Desk and Hall Chairs, Odd Pieces in Gold-Leaf Furniture, Pipe Racks of all kinds. A visit to this floor will repay you for time spent.



Slippers. Gifts in the Shoe Dept.

Ladies' Colonial Slippers, made of patent leather, with large gilt buckle. Felt Slippers, Crochet Slippers, in endless variety. Men's Slippers. Barr's Perfection Shoes for women and children.

Fownes' Samples of Winter Gloves

For ladies, men and children, furnishes an unusual opportunity to get these handsome gloves of a celebrated maker, who makes only high-class gloves at prices much below the regular retail prices, and no gift will be more highly appreciated. The variety is so great that it is impossible to give even a range of prices, but you'll find them even better values than we can tell you about in limited newspaper space.

About Umbrellas,

Which are always popular gifts. We could take up a whole column of this paper and then not name half the handsome styles now in our umbrella section. A really good and handsome umbrella can be purchased here for very little money, while the most elegant and high-priced carried in our stock is still less priced than you'll find them elsewhere. The variety is unlimited and includes all sizes for ladies, men and children—a particularly handsome line for children is ready for selection.

Silk Petticoats for Holiday Gifts.

(In Muslin Underwear Section.)

\$4.98 Colored Silk Petticoats, umbrella shape, accordion-pleated flounce. \$6.48 Colored Silk Petticoats, changeable silk or solid colors, accordion-pleated graduated flounce, finished with ruching—Special at \$1.40. 100 dozen Ladies' Petticoats, made of black mercerized saten, deep accordion-pleated flounce, trimmed with wide Persian band—regular value \$1.00. Aprons in every variety 25c—Maid's Aprons, with or without bibs, made of white lawn, a choice of several styles, trimmed or plain. 50c Aprons for the maid or ladies' Tea Aprons, made of fine white lawn or Swiss, with or without bibs, all nicely trimmed, excellent value.

Silks

Of every hue, for every occasion. Our Silk selling has been phenomenal this season, and we are going to make it still more so by such prices as these:

BLACK SILKS.

20-inch Black Guaranteed Taffetas, 89c, worth 75c. 24-inch Black Guaranteed Taffetas, 89c, worth 85c. 27-inch Black Guaranteed Taffetas, 89c, worth \$1.10. 21-inch Black Peau de Soie (Swiss make), 89c, worth \$1.10. 24-inch Black Peau de Soie (Domestic), 89c, worth \$1.25. 36-inch Black Swiss Taffetas, 89c, worth \$1.10.

COLOR SILKS.

75c for \$1.25 Fancy Silks. 95c for \$1.50 Fancy Silks. New Foulards and New Wash Silks are now ready for selection.

Theo. Haviland Dinner Set, Lamballe shape, beautifully decorated pink roses, with stippled gold handles, set consisting of 100 pieces, was \$55.00; reduced to \$24.75.

Elegantly Cut Glass Nappy, Meteor pattern; like cut, \$6.75.

Neatly Cut Glass Water Bottle, Meteor cut; like cut, \$6.50.

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